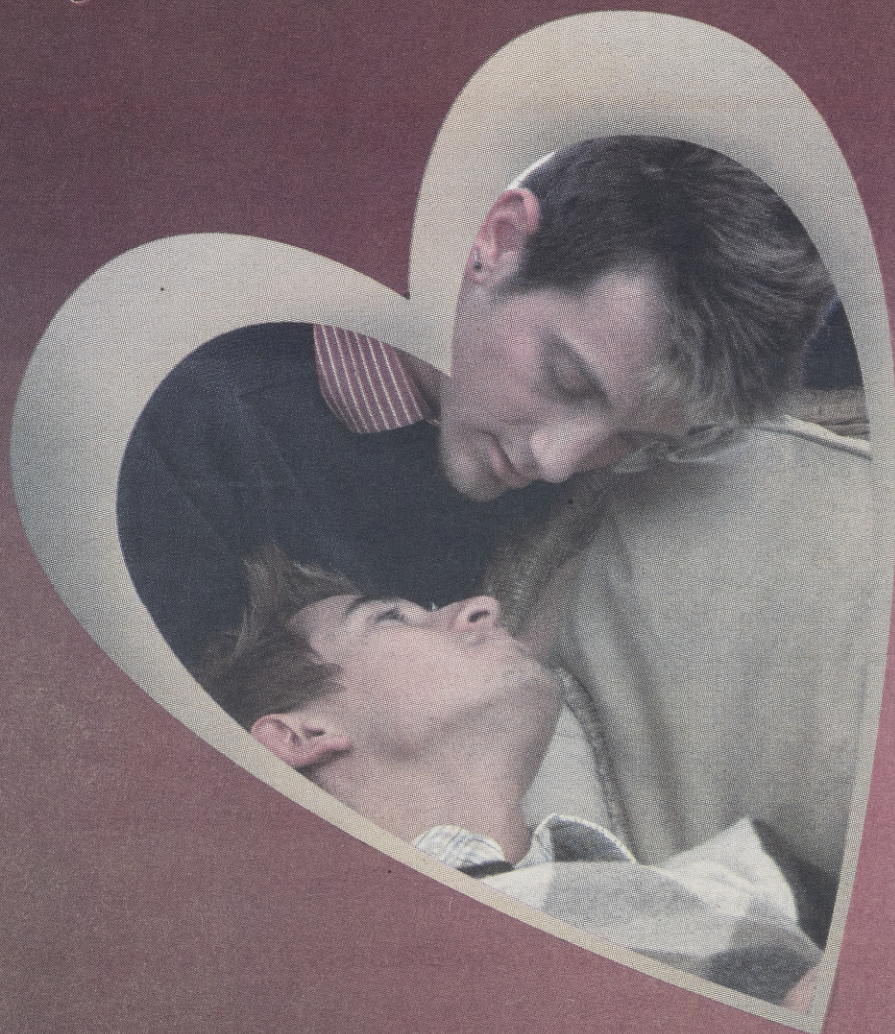


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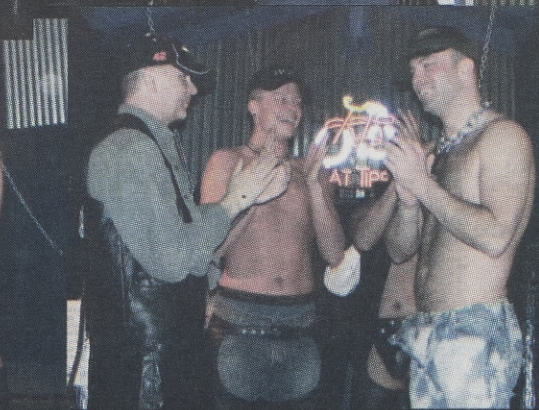
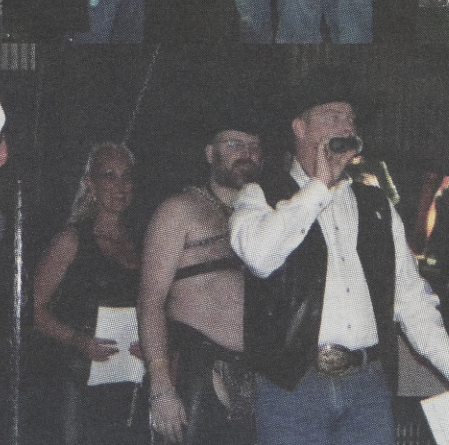
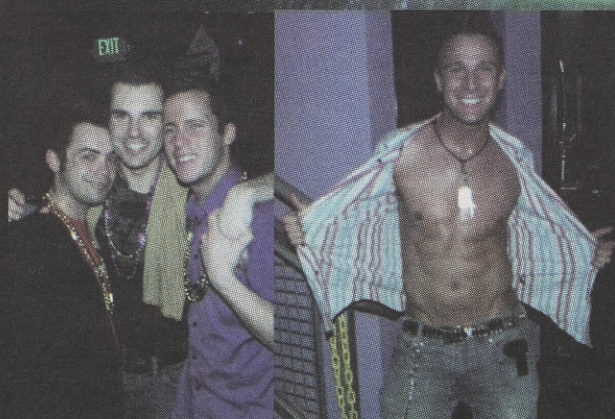
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## EDITOR



By Matthew Burlingame

## From The Editor: When Our Hands Are Tied

When I was a wee lad of eight, I made up my mind I wanted to be a writer. When I was 13, I wanted to write novels. When I was 15 I wanted to write songs and poetry. When I was 18, I wanted to be Murphy Brown with a penis. (Or is that redundant?)

I was dead set on being a hardcore journalist and breaking open scandals and stories of wrongdoing and exposing the sleazeballs who take advantage of those who are unable to defend themselves.

Then I went to journalism school, bright-eyed and ready to learn how to stick it to the crooked politicians and mis-managed organizations who allegedly take

advantage of the unsuspecting and end up hurting people who are relatively defenseless.

I was determined to be a one man Justice League.

Then, of course, reality sets in. We learn to use safe phrases such as "allegedly" and "supposedly" and "according to".

If that isn't bad enough we then have to learn all the legalities of print journalism and what you can say and not say. But the hardest thing to learn is that perky non-bias neutrality that journalism is founded on. You need to tell a story, not vilify who you think is wrong. Keep in mind, this is real journalism, not FOX News.

Yes, zapping the alleged "bad guy" is forbidden. Perhaps that's The reason I became an opinion writer. That way I could quite honestly say "this in my opinion" or "this is how I see it".

So I have more room as an opinion writer to point out situations or happenings that I personally feel are unjust or a disgusting crime against our community.

What alleged injustices have there been recently, I hear you ask, that would get me riled up enough to make me wish I could take off the gloves and shout about the obscenity?

I can think of 22,175 of them.

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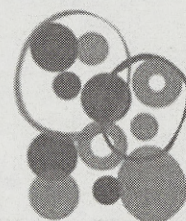
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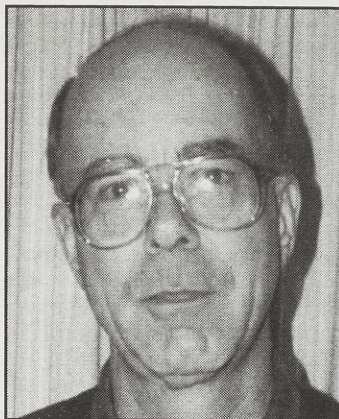
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## And Now Back To State Issues

By Boyce Hinman  
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registered as domestic partners.

AB 1757 Would add domestic partners of victims of crimes to a list of those allowed to testify at the parole hearing of someone who injured or killed their partner, perhaps to urge that the convicted person not be paroled. Currently only the victim, or specified members of his or her family or their representatives may testify at a parole hearing.

SB 1066 Would allow heterosexual couples of any age to register as domestic partners with the state. Currently, at least one of them must be 62 years old or older. Senator Migden introduced the first domestic partner law passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor. She says she intended for that law to allow all heterosexual couples to register as domestic partners, but had to give up that feature of the bill to get the rest of the bill passed.

SB 1113 Currently, when

married couples or registered domestic partners co-own property and one of them dies and leaves his or her half of the property to the spouse or partner, the property will not be reassessed and property taxes will not be increased.

However, when unmarried couples, or same sex couples who are not registered as domestic partners, co-own the property, the taxes could go up on half the property on the death of one of the owners. This bill says the property taxes will not be increased on the property when the deceased person's interest is transferred to the surviving co-owner.

More bills can be introduced up until February 22. To get more information on the above bills, or to see new bills as they are introduced, you may visit Lambda Letters' web page (at lambdaletters.org) and then click on "Legislative Update."

Now that the craziness of the November 5 primary is over I invite you to focus on state legislative issues again. In this article I will tell you of some victories for the LGBTI community and of some important legislation now being introduced in the State Legislature.

In January the Lambda Letters Project and our allies managed to obtain the defeat of two bills that would have hurt the LGBTI community. AB 1498 would have allowed contractors, who get money from state government, to discriminate against LGBTI people and others in any part of their activities that were not directly funded by the state. This bill was defeated in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

The other bill, AB 708, was defeated in the Assembly Health Committee. This bill would have required the state Department of Education to create abstinence only sex education programs which state that the only acceptable sexual activity is within a monogamous married couple. This would have taught gay and lesbian youth that families led by same sex couples, and sex between those couples is unacceptable.

Now lets look to the future. The legislature reconvened on January 7 and legislators began introducing new bills. They have until February 22 to do that. After that, with rare exceptions, no new bills can be introduced. Sometimes legislators get around this time limit by gutting an existing bill that met the deadline and putting entirely new language in it.

At this point there appear to be 4 bills of interest to the LGBTI community pending in the state Legislature.

AB 250 Would allow the owner of real property (like a home) to complete a brief document transferring ownership of the property to another person on the death of the owner. This would allow someone to make sure his or her partner had a place to live if the owner dies first. But, if the couple breaks up, it would be easy for the owner to revoke the document. This bill would help both couples who have or have not

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## NEWS/OPINION

### Sacramento Dancesport to produce the first world-champion, same-sex dance show.

Sacramento Dancesport will bring together most of the world's same-sex champions for the first time in the U.S. at the Benvenuti Performing Arts Center on June 27, 2008.

"Dance to the End of Love", will feature some of the most beautiful and impressive couples from the World Federation of Same-Sex Dancing World Championships held in Nijmegen, Netherlands, October 2007.

"We are so excited to bring together this much talent together for a what will be a first class professional production," said, Camille Wojtasiak, the show's producer. "The Benvenuti Performing Arts Center is an amazing place. We are proud to produce something of this quality here in Sacramento."

Benjamin Martin and Victor Silas, the 2006 and 2007 Men's World Latin Champions from Denmark, will dance to impress as these two gorgeous dancers show what has made them the most admired couple on the same-sex

circuit.. Bass Gill and Martin Diependaal, the 2006 Show dance champions and the 2007 Latin Show dance champions from the Netherlands, will show some of the routines that have made them such a hit in Europe. Christian Wenzel and David Wandt, the Men's 2007 Standard Champions from Germany, will show just how graceful and lovely men dancing together can be. "The men coming are just beautiful," said Wojtasiak.

Shoring up the Women's part of the program will be Mo McDonald, 2007 Women's World Latin Champion as well as Barnaly Pande, Women's World Standard Vice-Champion. Emily Coles and Genevieve Feeley, a new bay area professional couple, also will debut that evening.

Pre-Ticket Sales are available through Friends of Sacramento Dancesport. Tickets go on sale March 1st to the general public. Ticket prices are \$50, \$35, \$25, \$15. For more information, call Sacramento Dancesport at (916) 214-0933.

### Libertarian Perspective: How to Slash California's Budget Deficit



By Fred Foldvary

The combination of massive government intervention and a punitive tax policy has caused California's \$14.5 billion budget deficit. The remedy, therefore, is to remove the interventions and to switch to a less punitive tax system.

One of the largest government interventions is to make crimes of victimless acts. Libertarians seek to repeal victimless crime laws. But even without that major action, the state could immediately release people who are in prison solely for such acts. At the very least, those in prison for growing, using, or selling marijuana could be released immediately. Doing so would reduce the prison overcrowding problem while slashing the budget deficit.

And even with victimless crime laws still on the books, the state should make marijuana, gambling, prostitution, and other victimless acts a low-priority for law enforcement. Although marijuana would still be illegal by federal law, those prosecuted under federal law would be sent to federal prisons at federal rather than state expense.

Another area of government intervention is the environment. The government of California has enacted costly environmental regulations and is planning to implement a pollution permit trading system. Command-and-control regulations (such as smog tests) as well as pollution permits should be replaced with pollution charges. Pollution charges would be no more costly to business

than regulations and permits, while bringing in revenue to the state government, reducing the deficit.

Instead of closing 48 state parks as proposed by the governor, the state could try increasing entrance fees to make the parks self-financing. Many of the other services of the state could be paid for by user fees rather than from general revenues.

And let's not forget about the schools. California spends about \$48 billion annually for K-12 education. The education budget can be reduced by 10 percent by replacing the funds going to schools with vouchers that go directly to the parents and guardians of the students. The parents could then use the vouchers to pay for any schooling, whether governmental, private, or home schooling. Economic studies have shown that there is very little relation between spending per pupil and the quality of education. School choice would create competitive schooling, which would improve quality, even with reduced government funding.

Over the past 100 years, the tax structure of California has evolved from a decentralized property-based system to today's highly centralized and wasteful tax regime. California could have more public revenue while reducing the costs to individuals and business by eliminating the state sales tax and replacing the property tax on buildings with a levy based on land value. Taxes on wages and business profits could also be replaced by levies on land value.

Sales taxes not only make goods more expensive for California's consumers, they also impose a high cost on enterprise, especially for small businesses. Sales taxes prevent a store from rounding prices to the nickel, as the tax requires change in pennies. Shops that sell by mail order have to calculate sales taxes that vary among the state's counties. For goods with national markets such as books, a store

may not be able to pass on the tax to the buyer, cutting into its profit. We don't know how much enterprise has been lost to the state because sales taxes makes a business unprofitable, but most likely it is immense. When a tax does get passed on to the buyer, the higher price reduces purchases, and that reduces production. Less consumption and production mean less revenue to the state government.

Taxes on buildings inhibit the construction, improvement, and maintenance of buildings. In contrast, public revenue based on land value does not hurt enterprise, because it does not diminish the amount of land or space. Land-based public revenue is equitable because public works add to land value, so the landowner pays back value received.

A shift replacing taxes on wages, goods, and buildings with levies on land value would increase business and productivity, which would raise land values. By eliminating the deadweight loss of punitive taxes, the quantum leap of greater enterprise and employment would provide more than enough revenue from the greater land values to reduce the state's budget deficit over time. A land-based public finance system would provide incentives to decentralize the state's public finance, shifting revenues and programs to the counties and cities.

These reforms would be radical changes, but government intervention and an enterprise-crushing tax system are radically ruining California's economy. Fundamentally bad policies require radical reforms that would provide a permanent cure for the budget deficit while liberating labor, enterprise, and consumption from the choke of government intervention.

Fred E. Foldvary teaches economics at Santa Clara University, where he is also an associate of the Civil Society Institute. His main areas of research include public finance, public choice, social ethics, and the economics of real estate.

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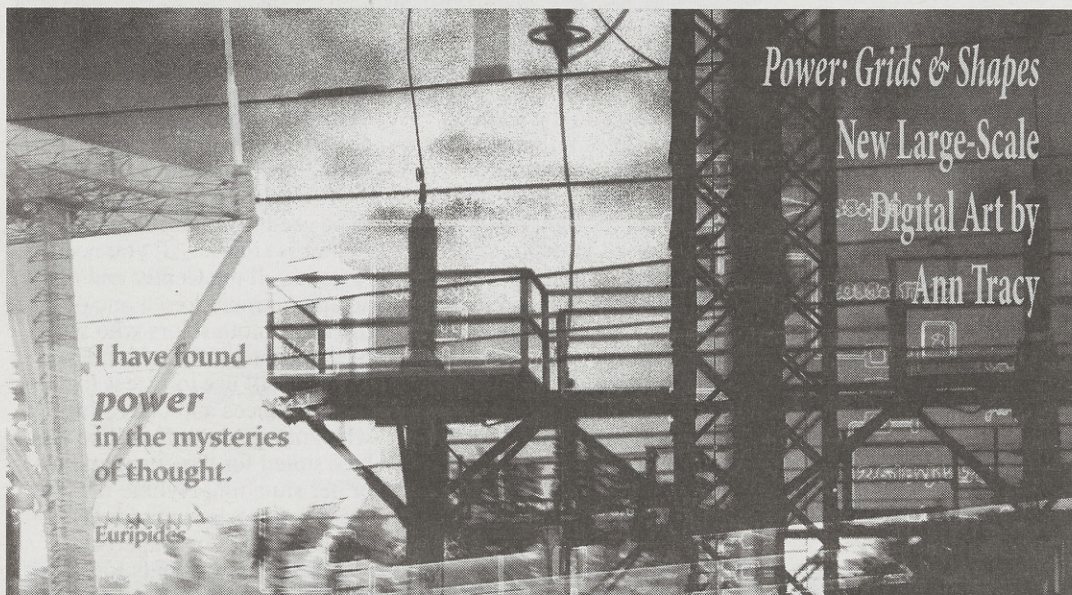
# NEWS

## Joseph Valez of New True Colors Women's Chorus Artistic Director



Photo By Kati Garner

Joseph, 30, a native of the East Coast, has been involved with music direction for well over a decade. Specializing in piano, vocal and orchestral direction, he has been involved in numerous performance companies in the Sacramento area. He has performed the roles of "Ferrando" in Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, Mozart's and Verdi's *Requiem* as well as "Frederick" in Gilbert & Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance*. Joseph has music-directed as well as vocal-directed such shows as *Pirates of Penzance* (Gilbert & Sullivan), *Into the Woods* (S. Songheim), *The Pearl Fishers* (Bizet) and *Victor/Victoria*.



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## Behind The Stonewall ...



Ed Bennett, President  
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Super Tuesday is over and voter turnout among Democrats, nationwide, was at an all time high. Here, in California, Polling Places reported running out of Democratic ballots. Democrats have awoken and are making their voices heard in an unprecedented way.

I know that the Republicans see this new, invigorated surge in the Democratic Party as a huge threat and the Karl Rove types are strategizing about how to motivate their base. That's where the GLBT community may come into play, unfortunately. In previous elections, in many states, the theory put forth by Right Wing Republicans is that if they place an Anti-Gay initiative on the ballot, it will result in a bigger turnout from their Right wing base.

Placing an Anti-Gay Initiative on the ballot is meant to turn out Republican evangelicals who might otherwise sit out the November election because they are not that pleased with either McCain or Romney. We are facing the very real possibility of having to fight an Anti-Gay amendment to the Constitution in November here in California.

Florida recently put an initiative on their ballot to change their constitution that would ban same-sex marriage. An investigation by the St. Petersburg Times into funding for the measure's backers (Florida4Marriage) has found that of the \$193,000 that had been raised by the group, \$150,000 came from a single donor - the Florida Republican Party. Their initiative would actually bar civil unions and would be used to deny partner benefits not only to same-sex couples but also to unmarried couples who live together. That's the Republican strategy.

For the past few election cycles, we, in California, have watched initiatives being filed with the Attorney General's office for

signature collection and for one reason or another; they have failed to collect the required number of signatures. That will change this year, in time for the November 2008 ballot. Right Wing groups are out there right now, collecting signatures to get a hateful Anti-GLBT initiative on the ballot. This initiative would call for a change to the California Constitution "to provide that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." This is the hardest one to beat, because it is about marriage only and would allow domestic partnerships to continue, so they would be able to say that they don't want to "hurt" us, they just want to save and preserve marriage from our pernicious clutches. If they are funding the signature gatherers, you can bet that they are willing and able to fund the initiative drive!

When this happens, we face another battle for funds, another battle for proving our community's worthiness of equal rights and another battle for energy from every GLBT organization in the state of California.

As President of Sacramento Stonewall I can assure you that this club will be mobilizing like nothing before to fight this insanity. This is gay-baiting pure and simple, and we can't, won't, let it go unchallenged.

Sacramento Stonewall's leadership and members have created strong relationships with our local elected officials and allies. We will call on their help in denouncing this heinous ballot measure.

Sacramento Stonewall is one of the largest GLBT Democratic clubs in the nation! Yet to do our part in this fight we need to double or triple in size.

Make no mistake, defeating this issue on the November ballot will test us all. We'll need folks to volunteer. We'll need to raise a boatload of money. We'll all need to talk to our friends and neighbors—and yes, even strangers—about why this is unnecessary and divisive and hurtful.

You can help today by joining us—get on our mailing list for frequent updates. Help us fight back. It's not just us on the line. Once again the Right is using us to mobilize their base with fear, using our right to live and love as a tactic to keep power. Join with us in saying, "not this time, not while I can stand and fight."

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## Sacramento G&L Center Offers Counseling Services

By Ken Pierce

Searching to find a mental health professional sensitive to GLBT individuals can be a challenge. In a recent meeting of the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Center's Men's Discussion Group, the Center's clinical supervisor, David Nylund, LCSW, PhD, spoke to the men about how he is addressing that problem.

Dr. Nylund, an associate professor of Social Work at CSUS, is a well-respected scholar in the area of gender identity and sexuality. He is also a noted author of such works as his latest, *Beer, Babes and Balls: Masculinity and Sports Talk Radio*, which examines the culture of sports talk radio and its relation to homophobia.

Nylund is proud of the inroads he has made in the first year providing mental health services at the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Center. He started a transgender youth group, a first for the region and began training student interns to counsel individuals. Recently he expanded the services offered by adding six volunteers to the staff who are committed to the community and has been trained in GLBT issues. The volunteers are men and women, gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, and strong allies.

The Center has a long history of providing space for support groups. Nylund wants to expand his therapeutic-based groups such as the adult and youth transgender groups to groups that include gays, lesbians, partners and parents.

Nylund explained that therapy at the Center is provided from a client-directed perspective outcome-informed approach (or CDOI). Developed by the Institute for the Study of Therapeutic Change (ISTC), CDOI builds upon 40 years of outcome research. "It enhances the factors across theories that account for successful outcome, uses the client's theory of change (not the therapist's theory) to guide choice of technique and integration of various therapy models and obtains valid and reliable feedback regarding the client's experiences of the process and outcome of treatment." Nylund is a certified trainer for the ISTC and his staff at the Center are trained in CDOI practices.

During the men's discussion group's meeting Nylund was



asked if people in the GLBT community have unique issues that the straight world may not have to deal with. He said, "When it comes right down to it the problems of depression, anxiety, relationship issues such as breaking up, and stress because of financial issues are universal within our society. What can be unique are the effects of being gay bashed, problems of men and women, particularly older people who were taught homosexuality was a sin, coming out issues, and young people having parents who sent them to Christian "gay aversion therapy" programs."

Nylund talked about his own life and the reasons why he became interested in gender identity and masculinity. Growing up in working class Detroit, "I struggled to survive the male culture environment by learning about sports, even though I wasn't particularly interested in it at the time. Immersing myself in the language and nuances of sports, eventually I grew to like it to some degree."

Personally, Nylund affiliates with the word, "queer". For him, queer means challenging the usefulness of fixed gender and sexual identity categories. "Being queer is not necessarily a matter of being gay or lesbian but is more about being committed to challenging that which gets constructed as normal." Queer for Nylund and others is a political commitment to fighting the effects of

homophobia and heterosexual dominance that police all sexualities and genders.

The process for someone to be seen in counseling at the Center is simple. All you need to do is call the Center and make an appointment to see one of the intake counselors who will be compiling information Dr. Nylund will use to assess the circumstances and determine who among his staff will be the best suited for the client and his or her situation. Nylund mostly sees transgender individuals, because that is his expertise. He makes assessments for those who want to transition to their preferred gender by way of hormone therapy or sex reassignments.

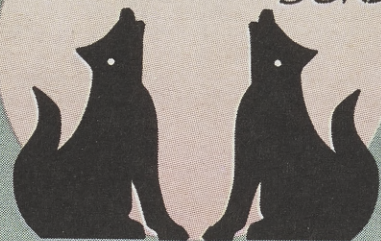
The cost of seeing a counselor is on a sliding scale. Nylund will work with individuals to come up with a fee that is affordable for the client based on their income. Currently they are not set up for billing insurance, but they are working on a contract where in the future you may be able to use MediCal or other forms of insurance.

To contact David Nylund or Danelle Saldana (program manager of the Center's Counseling Program), call the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Center at (916) 442-0185. To learn more about Nylund go to [www.davidnylund.com](http://www.davidnylund.com). The Men's Discussion Group meets at the Center every Monday from 6:30-7:30pm. The Center is located at 1927 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.



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# NEWS/COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## Stanislaus Center's New GLBTQ Youth Group

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (GLBTQ) youth in Stanislaus and surrounding counties now have a much needed source of support as they explore personal identity and self acceptance.

The new youth group provides social opportunities and support to GLBTQ youth, ages 14 to 19. Straight Allied youth are welcome as well. Meetings and activities allow youth the opportunity to meet other young people in the area for friendship and support. Youth can expect a safe, friendly, and confidential environment where they can share ideas, thoughts, and issues affecting their lives. Food and music are provided as well.

This secular, non-religious group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 7-9 pm at College Avenue Congregational Church, an open and affirming church located at 1341 College Avenue (corner of College and Orangeburg) in Modesto. The first meeting and kickoff was Weds., Jan 9.

Modesto parents, Ed & Elizabeth Plata, began looking for local resources and support for their gay son and found nothing. They were greatly frustrated at the total lack of any programs or groups specifically for GLBTQ teens. They perceived a tremendous need for support, not only for their son, but for all GLBTQ youth in our area feeling abandoned,

depressed, and isolated. Together they decided that if nothing existed, they needed to create the resource. In collaboration with several local organizations, the GLBTQ Youth Group was formed.

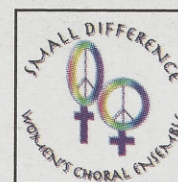
Ed & Elizabeth have formed an adult advisory board to oversee this new group, recruiting fellow community leaders with diverse backgrounds in mental health, education, nonprofit management, healthcare, faith-based ministry, and business. Sponsors include Stanislaus PRIDE Center, College Avenue Congregational Church, Crossroads Trading Company, Queen Mabs, and the Electric Company.

Through a collaborative process with the adult leaders, GLBTQ youth determine the activities and topics presented. In the process they learn leadership skills, create community, are empowered to speak up, and have fun. Parent involvement is encouraged and there will be a brief greeting time before each meeting to welcome parents.

The GLBTQ Youth Group is a program of the Stanislaus PRIDE Center. The group is seeking funds and can accept tax deductible donations. More information about the GLBTQ Youth Group is available by calling Ed & Elizabeth Plata at 209-524-1169 or online at stanpride.org.



## Small Difference Women's Choral Ensemble



**Years Operating:** Founded a year ago mid-January.

**What is Small Difference?** Small Difference is a small community women's chorus made up of women who can't help but sing. We focus on singing music to make positive change in the world, especially queer rights, women's rights, peace and justice, civil rights, and environmental stewardship.

**Why was Small Difference Founded?** The founding members wanted to create a small group chorus to compliment the work of our sisters in True Colors Women's Chorus. Small Difference provides women with an opportunity to sing music that is sometimes radical in nature. Even more importantly, we've created a group where everyone made a vow of collaboration and openness...as well as a chorus that encourages its members to stretch and try new things musically, like arranging music and directing.

**What are some of the services provided?** We provide women of all orientations a safe place to sing music with a message where they will be supported and encouraged by all.

**Tell us about Small Difference's involvement in the general community?** In our first year we sang for lots of community events including a peace rally, a fundraiser for the homeless, the Martin Luther King Jr. Day event, and several queer community events like the PFLAG Service of Remembrance, the Sacramento Pride Concert, and the Sacramento Dyke March. We raise our voices in song to speak out for the things we believe in, at the same time as helping one another with mutual support and common goals.

**What's new in the next year for Small Difference?** We hope to gain 4-6 more members. Our biggest news is that we will be representing Sacramento at the GALA (Gay & Lesbian Association of Choruses) Festival in Miami in July. (As will the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus). We are also performing with several local choruses at a concert organized by true Colors Women's Chorus on April 18 called "Peace is Groovy Again." We're also showing Rocky Horror Picture Show on

April 5 at 8:00 at Central United Methodist Church Social Hall (H and 53rd Streets). It's a fundraiser for our trip to the GALA Festival.

**Tell us about the different Projects and funds Small Difference is involved with?** Well, other than those already mentioned, we want to work even more with True Colors Women's Chorus, the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, and Verve. We also work quite closely with Sacramento Valley LeatherCorps. We're hoping to do more small gigs to support the queer community and at peace and environmental events so e-mail us if you're looking for music!

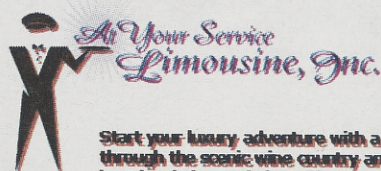
**Where would you like to see Small Difference grow in the next 5 years?** I want us to have a solid 16 committed members and be relatively financially sound. I'd like us to be structurally sound as well with a 501 (c) 3 in place to help with fundraising and Bylaws, etc. Mostly, I'd like Small Difference to be recognized by the community as, "That little group that shows up at every event doing their part to make this world a better place-and hey, they're pretty darn good too!"

**What does Small Difference most need right now?** First and foremost, more committed singers. We want to have four people in each voice section for a total of 16. Beyond that, we need some financial support to help us get to GALA in July and to keep operating throughout the year. Coming to and/or sponsoring Rocky Horror on April 5th is the best way to do that! We'd also like a few more musicians we can call on to play for us, especially guitarists. We do have a wonderful piano accompanist, Chris Congdon, but would like a backup keyboard player.

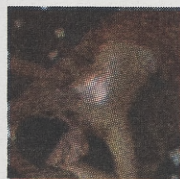
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## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



### Sage Brown Community Member

**Years living in Sacramento:** 26

**What defines you?** Passion and compassion.

**What's your claim to fame?** Hmmm, not sure I have a real claim to fame. Perhaps having written three novels comes closest.

**What do you want to see happen for our community?**

More unity and more queers coming out and taking part in the many organizations that are working for our equal rights—and our fun.

**What makes you angry?** George Dubya Bush—thank Goddess that's almost over! Also, spreading rumors. I used to be bad about that myself but have made a pledge to not do so anymore. Who needs more drama!

**What makes you happy?** First and foremost, my Beloved Partner, Allison. After that, my cats and dog, my chorus, my friends, my family, my students...oh, and fudge. (Smiles.)

**Greatest weakness?** I wear my heart on my sleeve and I'm a control freak.

**Greatest Strengths?** I wear my heart on my sleeve and I'm a control freak. (Smiles.)

**How long have you been involved with the community and in what capacities?** Depends on what you mean by community. I've been involved with various left wing political movements since the mid-80's. My first involvement with the queer community began in 1990 when my ex-partner, Adam, and I co-founded the Sacramento Area Bisexual Network. We pushed hard to open the minds of Sacramento lesbian and gay folk about bisexual and transgender people. We pissed a lot of people off but also created a lot more openness and inclusion in our community. I also got involved with Queer Nation and ACT UP. The last 12 years or so I've been involved with various BDSM/leather groups, especially Sacramento Valley LeatherCorps for which I currently serve as Vice President.

**What's the best thing about your job?** Guess it depends on which job. My actual profession is teaching and the best part is being a mentor and guide to youngsters as they prepare for middle school and beyond. My other job, though volunteer, is directing Small Difference and the best part of that is the wonderful spirit of the women I sing with.

**What other non-profits do you support?** Well it's not really a non-profit, but right now most of my donations are to the Obama campaign. I also support True Colors Women's Chorus, the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, and Verve (a mixed choral ensemble). I also support Sacramento Valley LeatherCorps, Stonewall Democrats, RESPECT Sacramento, GLAAD, Equality CA, Sacramento Peace Action, Loaves and Fishes, Planned Parenthood, Sacramento SPCA, and Breast Cancer Action... just to name a few.

**If you could tell the world one thing, what would it be?** I'd beg every person on Earth to do whatever they could personally and en masse to stop Global Warming before it's too late. I'm not at all sure it isn't already past the point of no return. I think Climate Change is the seminal issue of our time.

**Who are your GLBT heroes locally and globally?** Locally I'd have to say Sam Catalano and Kenny Yerkes, the owner of the Bolt, who supports so many of the varied aspects and interests of the community. Probably my biggest local hero is a woman who passed away a few years ago, Elizabeth Parkhurst. I'd also include former Mayor Anne Rudin—a truly great straight ally. Globally, my all time queer hero was Harvey Milk. I'd also include Elton John, Melissa Etheridge, and Maya Angelou.

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## LaMadrid Search Goes On ...

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For those who can not make the dinner but would like to send in a donation may. Donations can be sent to: The Kathryn LaMadrid Fund, c/o Wells Fargo Bank, Roseville Sq. Banking Center, 110 Harding Blvd., Roseville, Ca. 95678, Also We will be selling ROSES FOR KATHY Fund Raiser on the Feb. 13th & 14th for Valentine's Day again with all proceeds going towards Kathy's search in early March. The roses will be same great florist quality for about \$ 79.00 per dozen instead of florists prices of \$125.-\$150. We will have 1/2 dozen & also single roses available. Anyone wishing to purchase these extra special roses can contact Shelli LaMadrid directly @ 916.640.7927. Put your orders now. Make Valentine's day extra special this year by purchasing Kathy's Roses in her memory & help bring

Kathy's family closure.

I just wanted to say on behalf of Kathy's family & myself that we all sincerely appreciate everything the local GLBT & Straight community has contributed towards searching for Kathy. A huge Thank you to MGW for being our main Media coverage to keep the gay community informed. Without the media attention Kathy's story would not have been known or remembered. When we find her we will let the community know. Please keep us in your thoughts & prayers that we find her early March 2008 and that the person's who have done her harm be brought to justice.

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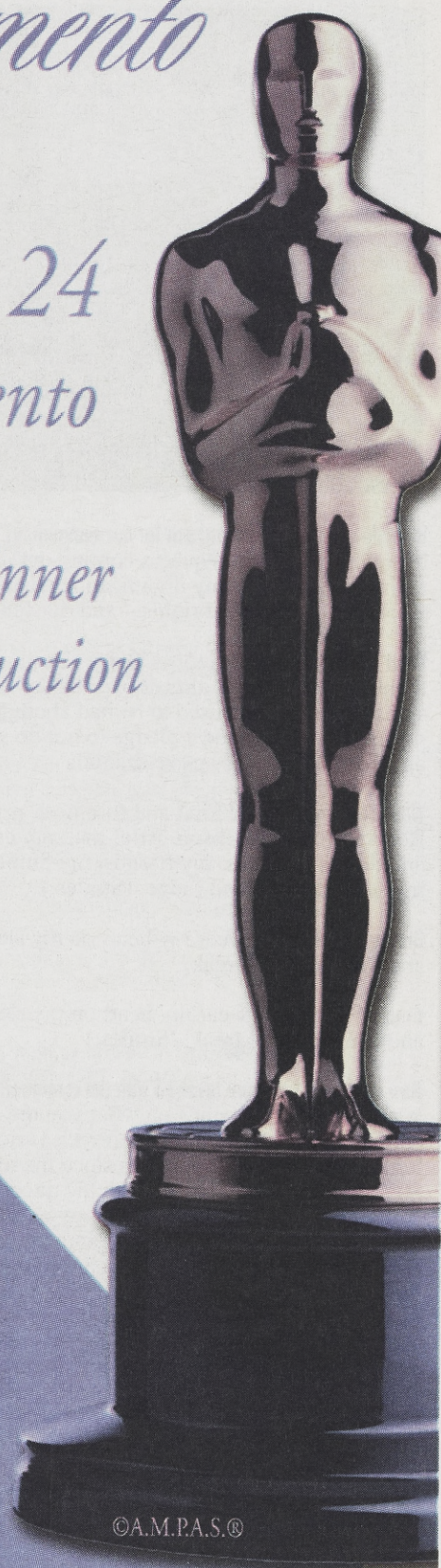
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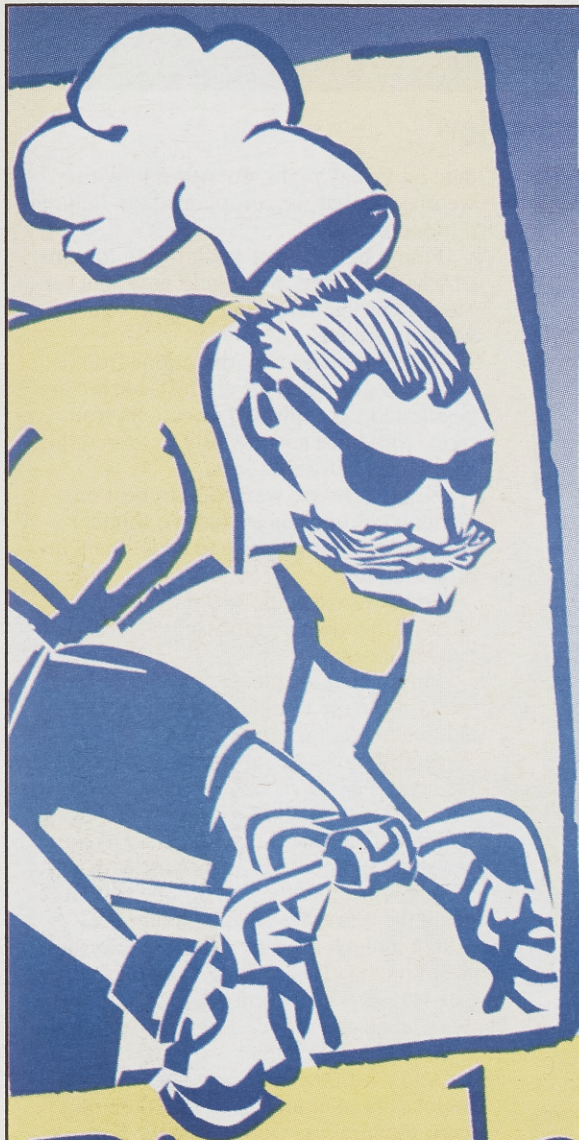
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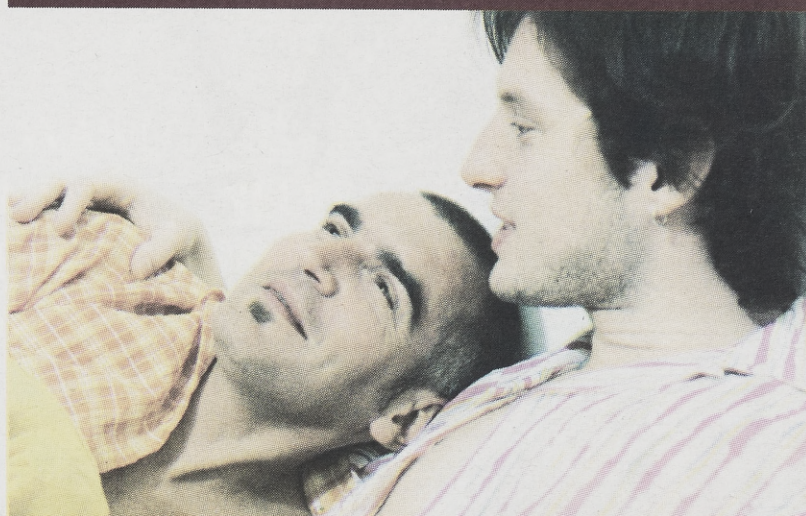
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time, her life was spiraling out-of-control. Her relationships were crumbling all around her and her personal life was in disarray. However, Fredrickson dedicated herself to making a change. She clawed her way back to life.

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At the end of the day, Fredrickson says that life is about balance and it's critical to spend time doing things that make you feel good physically, emotionally and spiritually. It is important to take care of your body and your well-being. She teaches that we were all born to be great. Success for one might not be the same as success for another. And to achieve that success, you may just need to reprogram your life a little.

When Fredrickson is not teaching others how to live free, and it comes time for her to create balance in her own life, she can be found hitting the links on the golf course, singing her favorite karaoke songs or spending time anywhere near, in or on the water.

To learn more and to find out about Fredrickson's upcoming Livin' Free™ seminars, visit her website at [www.livinfree.com](http://www.livinfree.com).

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**Sharon Fredrickson is more than just a pretty face and a positive 'tude— she's a trendsetter for a life free of negative energy.**

Sharon Fredrickson exudes passion, energy, charisma and humor—in all that she does. She is a successful thought leader and a thriving entrepreneur, having founded Livin' Free with her business and life partner, Laura.

Life wasn't always rosy for Fredrickson, however. At one



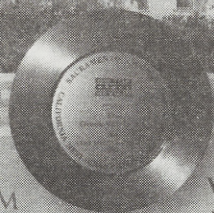






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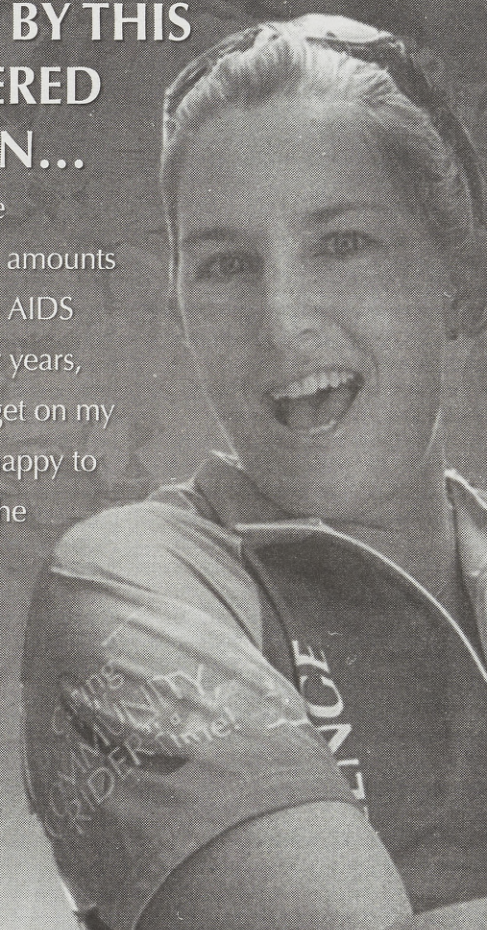
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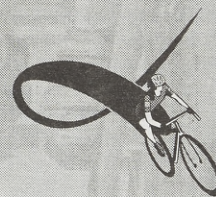
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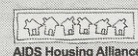
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## San Jose U suspends blood drive in protest of gay ban...

The president of San Jose State University has suspended all blood drives on the campus (apparently the first US college to do so), saying the Food & Drug Administration's "lifetime blood donor deferral affecting gay men violates our non-discrimination policy."

"Universities are a significant source of blood," he says. "However, lacking further action by the FDA, we are guided by the clear mandates of our non-discrimination policy. Our hope is that the FDA will revisit its deferral policy in a timely manner, and we may soon be able to hold blood drives on this campus again."

FDA has long banned blood donations by men who have sex with other men. The agency maintains the policy is necessary to protect the nation's blood supply because gay men are the group most likely to be infected with HIV. Drug injectors and people who have recently gotten a tattoo are also deferred under the policy.

Opponents of the policy, including the Red Cross, point out that it dates from the early days of the epidemic, and that blood screening techniques have improved dramatically.

## Bob Hamm's plant sales...

Delightful plants, including hard-to-find perennial varieties, will be on sale in the covered parking area behind the Gifted Gardener (18th & J Streets in midtown) on the following weekend days: Feb 23, Mar 9, Mar 22, Apr 5, Apr 20, May 3, May 18, June 7, June 15. Proceeds benefit local AIDS organizations. All events are from 9:30 to 3 pm. See you there!

## Increased Nevirapine may greatly help infants...

Nevirapine is already used widely just prior to childbirth to prevent HIV-positive women in developing countries from infecting their newborns during the birth. In addition, a single dose of the drug is given immediately after birth to the mother and the baby, and has helped reduce the risk that HIV-infected mothers will pass the virus to their babies during breast-feeding. Breast-feeding is a major cause of HIV infection in the developing world. Each year, about 150,000 infants are infected with HIV through breast-feeding, according to the World Health Organization.

Good news from a recent study—researchers from John Hopkins Univ in Baltimore and colleagues in Ethiopia, India, and Uganda gave daily doses of the drug to breast-feeding infants when they were between 8 and 42 days old. By the time they reached 6 weeks of age, the rate of HIV infection among infants who received Nevirapine daily was about half that of infants who received only the single dose of nevirapine at birth (the current standard of care). After six months, the infants who'd received the six-week drug treatment were almost a third less likely to suffer HIV infection or death than those given the single dose at birth.

The study included about 2,000 infants and was conducted from 2001 to 2007. It's one of the first randomized controlled trials to show that a drug can prevent HIV transmission in infants being breast-fed by HIV-infected mothers. The findings were presented at the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections in Boston.

## Court says employers can fire medical pot users...

The California Supreme Court ruled in late January that California employers can fire workers who have used medical marijuana legally recommended by their physicians.

A Sacramento-area company, Ragingwire Inc., successfully argued that it fired Gary Ross after he flunked a company-ordered drug test. They maintained that all marijuana use is illegal under federal law, and that federal law does not recognize the medicinal pot laws in California and 11 other states. Ross argued that medical marijuana users should receive the same workplace protection from discipline that employees with valid painkiller prescriptions do.

A U.S. Supreme Court decision in 2005 declared that state medicinal marijuana laws don't protect users from prosecution. The Drug Enforcement Agency and other federal agencies have been actively shutting down major medical pot dispensaries throughout the state over the last two years and charging their operators with serious felony distribution charges.

Ross has a medical marijuana card authorizing him to legally use marijuana to treat a back injury he sustained while serving in the U.S. Air Force. Ragingwire, a small telecommunications company, said it fired Ross because it feared it could be the target of a

federal raid, and said companies such as theirs could lose federal contracts and grants if they allowed employees to smoke pot in violation of the federal stance. The conservative nonprofit Pacific Legal Foundation added, in a friend-of-the court filing, that employers could also be liable for any damage done by high workers.

It's estimated that 300,000 Americans use medical marijuana.

## Language of MRSA warning leads to hard feelings...

A medical report last month stating that gay men are "many times more likely than others" to acquire a new, hard-to-treat multi-drug-resistant strain of staphylococcus (MRSA) drew criticism from some in the gay community, prompting the authors to clarify their findings. One part of the research paper, based on data gathered between 2004 and 2006 from a San Francisco AIDS clinic, found that gay men were 13 times more likely than other people to be infected with the hard-to-treat strain. Overall, about one in 3,800 people in San Francisco is infected with this very potent strain of MRSA.

The lead author of the study opened himself up for misinterpretation when he said, "These multi-drug resistant infections often affect gay men at body sites in which skin-to-skin contact occurs during sexual activities" and noted there was a potential for the staph infection to spread into "the general population."

Some gay men, many from the Castro district, felt the language cast an unfair stigma on their sexuality. "The way they keep targeting gays as if gays alone are responsible for it, it's like HIV all over again," said one activist. And as might be anticipated, anti-gay groups were quick to use the report as ammunition, saying it proved that gay behavior is unhealthy.

National gay rights groups called such a response hysteria, but felt the report fans the hysteria. The researchers who prepared it quickly issued an apology acknowledging that their initial news release contained some information that could be interpreted as misleading. "We deplore negative targeting of specific populations in association with MRSA infections or other public health concerns," wrote the team, led by doctors at the University of California-San Francisco. The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, which helped finance the study, also issued a statement saying the

staph infection is not sexually transmitted and is not limited to certain population groups. "These infections occur in men, women, adults, children, and persons of all races and sexual orientations," said CDC.

MRSA invades skin, and tissue beneath the skin, causing abscesses, painful sores, and ulcerations that can turn into life-threatening infections. In people who become infected, prompt diagnosis and treatment are crucial.

The study authors say thorough scrubbing with soap and water may be the most effective way to prevent skin-to-skin transmission. Washing your hands, clothes, and any open wounds frequently, and taking extra precautions, especially regarding and after sex, is considered the most effective way to reduce chances that the nasty and fast-spreading infection will get into your body.

## FDA clears new drug...

The Food & Drug Administration has approved Intelence (Etravirine) for use in combination with existing AIDS drugs in adults who are failing other therapies. Intelence can also be used by people failing other NNRTIs, including those who "have had several or multiple rounds of resistance develop," said drug developer Johnson & Johnson.

Intelence is the newest drug in the class of non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs) such as Viramune and Sustiva, which block an enzyme HIV needs to replicate. FDA approved the drug based on 24-week studies that showed 60 percent of those who took an Intelence-based drug cocktail achieved an undetectable viral load. In comparison, 40 percent of those taking a placebo in the combo attained undetectable levels of HIV. The approved dosage is two tablets twice a day, and the long-term effects are not yet known.

## Australia's popular new dating service...

After contracting herpes simplex from a sex partner, a Sydney woman has started a dating service exclusively for people with the infection. Harmony Dating has enrolled more than 500 people since it began 10 months ago, with around 20 people a week signing up. The agency's founder said she searched the Internet for herpes support groups or dating services after becoming infected but found nothing.

"I went through such emotional trauma, and there

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didn't seem to be much support around," she said. "When do you tell someone? How do you tell someone? And how do you cope when they run a mile?" One member of the service wrote: "I've tried dating random people but dropping the H-bomb on them has had a 100 percent failure rate, so eventually I stopped dating."

The agency founder said she spends about an hour a night screening potential members and updating the new Web site. Most people, she said, do not understand that herpes can be transmitted even by people with no symptoms at the time.





# February Movies: "Hilarious & Hot"

## Untraceable

Judd: Ever since Saw hit the scene in 2004 we've been pummeled with a barrage of "torture films" where the scenes in the movies are more and more graphic and the plots less and less significant. Does the "why" matter if someone is getting their eye scooped out with a melon baller? It seemed the screenwriters certainly didn't think so. Untraceable, starring Diane Lane finally changes that. Untraceable is a taut, tense thriller with a heavy dose of torture that isn't just for tortures sake.

Swanner: I am in firm agreement with you here. Diane Lane plays an FBI agent that deals with crimes on the internet. She has mostly had to deal with credit card scammers and pedophiles until a website starts up that offers users the chance to watch someone being tortured and killed live on line. This film really does mix a solid thriller with a torture film and makes it really effective without just relying on gore to satisfy it's audience.

Judd: The movie was not without its share of problems, though. The dialogue was a bit trite at times and there are a couple of scenes that don't make complete sense. One scene in particular involved power door locks on a car. I also wish they would have held out longer on showing the audience what the killer looked like. I could tell by the hands it was either a young man or a woman. I wish I was left in suspense about that a little longer than what I was. And was it me, or was there a "crazy gay killer" vibe in the first 1/2 of the

film?

Swanner: Yes...there was definitely a gay killer vibe going. I'm sure that our killer was gay but they played it down in the second half. There were too many guy on guy pictures, and the when the killer lures in the third victim it felt like a hook up and then it was gone...good call. Sure it had it's silliness like you mentioned but I was pulled into the whole catch the serial killer game...I had a good time.

Judd: I wonder why they cut it out of the second half when they made such a point of getting it across in the beginning. Interesting. Regardless, I liked the movie. I think it ranks up there with the first Saw, the only Saw that had the semblance of a plot. And I liked the fact that the torture in Untraceable wasn't so graphic, I'm burnt out on seeing just how far filmmakers can push the envelope. I also liked how this movie had a message about violence and the internet, but wasn't hypocritical about it like The Condemned.

Swanner: It also takes on how the news uses graphic violence to sell the news. I think what impressed me the most was that Untraceable comes out in January which is traditionally a throw away month for film.

## Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins

Swanner: Martin Lawrence hasn't been in a good movie for a long time and no...Wild Hogs was not a good movie. So when Brian and I went to see Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins I wasn't

expecting much. The storyline here is that R.J. (Lawrence), a talk show host in the vein of Jerry Springer mixed with Dr. Phil, takes he fiancé and son to his parents for a four day anniversary party back home... where he hasn't been in 9 years.

Judd: The cast is full of some heavy hitters, James Earl Jones, Michael Clark Duncan (The Green Mile), Mike Epps, Cedric The Entertainer, Mo'Nique, and Nicole Ari Parker—the bitch who stole Boris Kodjoe away from me. So I have to say that I think Martin Lawrence, even though he had the lead, was the weakest link in the movie. I thought the movie was really funny, but the Lawrence's scenes always seemed to fall flat.

Swanner: I didn't think that at all. Unfortunately when you're in a movie with some of those "heavy hitters" you just can't match them but I thought he was fine in the film. I wasn't ready for the high comedy. I don't know what I was expecting but I've never been a fan of over the top humor but Mo'Nique won me over and Michael Clark Duncan was really funny. If I had to pick a favorite it would be Mike Epps who was hilarious and HOT all at the same time.

Judd: You've never been a fan of over the top comedy? This coming from the man that ranked Beerfest as one of his Best Movies of the Year, bitch please. You can say it. You were nervous because this was another "urban comedy". I was nervous too. For every Barbershop and Friday, there's a Little Man and Soul Plane. Trust me, that fact that I sat through First Sunday a week before was still fresh in my mind.

By Tom Swanner & Brian Judd

Swanner: Beerfest was life changing. I was not nervous about urban comedy... I was nervous it was a Martin Lawrence film. Once Mike Epps flashed me that million dollar smile I wasn't nervous about anything anymore. Did you like the dog humping scene??? That was really funny. I really liked that the family felt like a real family. It was like watching Dan in Real Life but funny and entertaining. Didn't you just hate RJ's fiancée?

Judd: Er-ee, er-ee, er-ee. What's that sound? That's the sound of you back peddling, or should I say BLACK peddling. The scenes I liked the most were the family scenes. Not only did they dilute Martin Lawrence's flattening presence but they were a lot of fun. The scenes of the women in the kitchen and the men at the BBQ were great. I agree, they acted like they were really a family. And no, I didn't think the dog humping was that funny and we were supposed to hate RJ's fiancée.

Swanner: You are such a finger pointer. The dog scenes were so freaking funny but a hater like you can't see the joy.

Swanner: \*\*\*  
Judd: \*\* 1/2

## Ratings:

### Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins

Swanner: \*\*\*\* 1/2  
Judd: \*\*\*

### Untraceable

Swanner: \*\*\*  
Judd: \*\* 1/2



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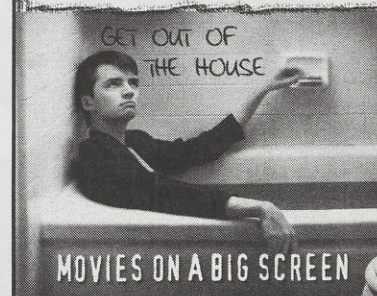
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By Jennifer Cox

**G**ung Hay Fat Choy! Happy New Year! As I write this, it is February 7, 2008, the first day of the Chinese Lunar New Year 4706. It is the year of the Earth Rat. According to one of my favorite astrology websites, "The Rat is the first sign of the Chinese zodiac and signifies new beginnings.

This year is thus an appropriate time to start new ventures, especially groundbreakings. This includes new ideas, directions, and ways of doing things. It is a time to experiment and put plans into action, as there will be plenty of opportunities to achieve success. "Doesn't that sound encouraging? I think we could all use some good news.

Last year was a hard one for many of us, as we experienced a significant downward cycle in our local and national real estate markets, affecting nearly everyone in some way. As we move into this New Year, and begin to see how the changes are shaking out, this is a really good time to look around and see what we have to work with as we begin this new cycle.

As a 16 year veteran of the Sacramento real estate market, I have seen a lot of changes and cycles of growth, and the one we are currently experiencing is a fairly normal balancing out period after a HUGE growth surge. There is good news for many people who want to buy homes – once again, people who make a moderate income can buy a home.

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There is even a new kind of loan program available to homeowners AND buyers alike which will allow people to finance Green retrofit improvements to existing homes, such as Solar PV energy, Solar Thermal heat, Low VC carpets, paints, and finishes, and even cabinets and countertops made from sustainable forest products and recycled materials. Imagine transforming your home to a Green showplace, saving the environment, AND saving \$75 a month on your electrical bill! The possibilities are really endless!

Our local real estate market has opportunities right now for savvy buyers to participate in our emerging Green marketplace by helping to make Sacramento one of the first Green cities in the country. We also have a chance to be part of the RECOVERY of our market, by buying the bank-owned homes and retrofitting for the future of our community. We can shape our community right now, by being part of the change!

In the coming weeks I will be doing in-depth columns on various subjects relating to local real estate, home financing, Green lending, and anything in between. I'll start next issue with a column explaining how the Fed Rate Reductions affect the 30 year mortgage rates, and what types of financing are available now, after so many banks and lenders have gone out of business, eliminated programs, and become more conservative in general.

Great News—Most lenders WANT to help qualified buyers get a great rate! So we'll explore the types of financing available NOW, even for people with little to no money down. We'll also talk about Solar Energy Financing, comparing some of the many different programs available for financing your Renewable Energy System, in addition the many other energy efficient and Green retrofits available for resale homes.

Please let me know if there is something you are particularly interested in learning—I'll take questions and suggestions! E-mail me at [Jennifer@oldvalleyhomesloans.com](mailto:Jennifer@oldvalleyhomesloans.com), or visit my website [oldvalleymidtown.com](http://oldvalleymidtown.com). I look forward to hearing from you, and helping you find out the answers to your real estate and financing questions.

Meanwhile, Gung Hay Fat Choy! Make it a great New Year!

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## New GLBT Peer Support Group Begins Feb. 21

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**Every Thursday (starting February 21)  
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Stanislaus PRIDE Center  
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**There is no cost to attend. For more information contact Ana Perez, MSW or Marcos Gallardo, MSW @ (209) 338-5715.**

This program is funded by Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, and is a collaboration between El CONCILIO and the Stanislaus PRIDE Center.

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